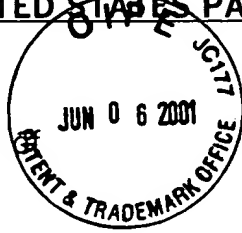


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RESPONSE

In response to the Official Action mailed April 10, 2001, the Applicants hereby elect Species II, namely Claims 8-14 and 22-28. This election is made with traverse.

At the outset, the undersigned wishes to thank the Examiner (Mr. Negash) for kindly agreeing to discussing the outstanding election of species requirement. Modification of the election of species is believed to be in order for the following reasons.

It is noted that Claim 16 contains a feature of Claim 8 (listed in Species II), namely that the unit cell is short in relation to the length of the system. It would

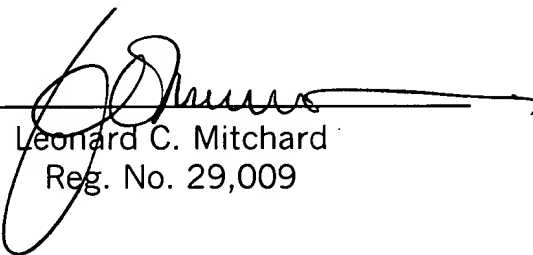
appear, therefore, that Species IV should be joined with Species II. Moreover, since the Examiner has provided no basis for the election of species, for example by reference to different areas of the classification, it is believed that the claims of the remaining species should be included with Species II, or at least the claims of Species III and IV should be included in the Species II. Modification of the election of species requirement along these lines is respectfully requested.

Further action on this application is awaited.

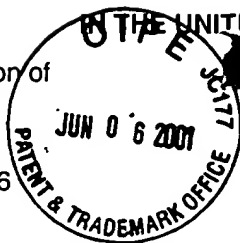
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